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## What Happened at Our Meeting on 8th September, 2004

Our meeting, at the request of PP John, due to lengthy programme, commenced as early as at 1:15 by Pres. Rudy.

Visiting Rotarians : PP Hubert extended warm welcome to 5 members of Rotary Club of HK Harbour, led by their Pres. Theresa, with PP Howard, PP Charles, PP Grace and PP Kenny. Visiting guest : PP Hubert introduced his guest, Mr. Bob Schumacher to all members.

**Announcement:** Pres. Rudy announced that the President Night would be on Friday, 24 Sep. 2004, at CCC Club, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, free to our members and their spouse/or partner. 4 tables of Chinese cuisine have been arranged, members were encouraged to come and enjoy the fellowship. Please contact PE Robert or PP John for details, so far we already had 22 persons registered for the party.

**Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:** PP Andrew's initial report on the Red Box Collection was \$850-, but with the generous contribution of today's Speaker (guess who), his final report of the day was \$1,050-.

**Speaker of the Day:** It took 9 minutes for PP Hubert to introduce the Speaker: none other than our own PP John Kwok, and his title of the talk was "The Wonders of the Internet."

To begin he first gave us a brief background of the Internet by comparing the growth of the Internet by time line as compared to another measure of time that was the list of our Past Presidents in order to give audience a feeling of time (please contact Rtn. John Yao for the full text of the above).

After that, P.P. John demonstrated to us the search engines which allowed the information highway to come into existence. There were so many search engines now in the Internet, but he had only mentioned a few (PP John humbly claimed that because he only knew that few). The one which everyone knew was Yahoo. Others such as Alta Vista, Excite & Google. He started with Yahoo to search RCHKIE website and also PP John Luk's election campaign website for the demonstration. When one signed on to Yahoo, one was confronted with a very confused page with hundreds of links. Search criteria was illustrated with the example to search "Napkin folding".

In the middle of the speech, Pres. Rudy also joined in and talked about how to upgrade and promote one's website on Internet.

Vote of Thanks to Speaker: Pres. Rudy presented to PP John a picture of him in action and thanked him for his very informative speech.

Next week's program: Thru "The Wonders of Internet", RCHKIE's website had projected this on to the screen:-

**15 Sep. 2004, "Injury Prevention for Golfers" by Dr. Chak Lu.**

Meeting Adjourned : Pres. Rudy adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour.

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## Rotary Information

After having a heavy Afghanistan pot-pourri last Wednesday, I think we have to add some Rotary flavours in it to make it more delicious. The following is the ingredient I intend to pepper on top.

For many years, Rotary was known in Afghanistan only for its support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. That started to change after the 2001 war that dislodged the Taliban from power, when RI launched a US\$1.9 million programme for Afghan refugees in Pakistan. Then, with the official return of Rotary to Afghanistan in March 2003, it became easier for clubs around the world to collaborate with their local counterparts in rebuilding the war-torn country.

In one such effort, the Rotary clubs of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, USA and Uni Town Peshawar, Pakistan, have helped establish a US\$250,000 school project near Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan.

The idea for the school crystallized in 2003 after La Jolla Rotarians Steve Brown and Fary Moini returned from a humanitarian mission to Jalalabad. Having seen a crucial need for education in postwar Afghanistan, they led a club effort that raised US\$100,000 for the project. Other supporters, including the William H. Donner Foundation in New York and the Abdul Haq Foundation in Jalalabad, also contributed funds.

A team of La Jolla Rotarians, including Brown, attended the inauguration of the school on 13 March 2004. The provincial governor and many local dignitaries also participated. Housed in a brick-and-mortar building, the school can serve more than 1,000 students.

It was gratifying to see that over 50 percent of the students are girls. This is really important because girls had been previously banned from attending school. Education is so fundamental and these people have so little. The school is a symbol of hope for the future. All you had to do was look in the eyes of the kids

PDG Peter Hall

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## Joke

### Subject: Tax Genie

A modern day cowboy has spent many days crossing the desert without water.. His horse has already died of thirst. He's crawling through the sand, certain that he has breathed his last breath, when all of a sudden he sees an object sticking out of the sand several yards ahead of him. He crawls to the object, pulls it out of the sand, and discovers what looks to be an old brief case. He opens it and out pops a genie. But this is no ordinary genie. She is wearing an Australian Tax Office Service ID badge and a dull grey dress.. There's a calculator in her pocketbook. She has a pencil tucked behind one ear.

"Well, cowboy," says the genie... "You know how I work. You have three wishes." "I'm not falling for this." Says the man. "I'm not going to trust an Australian Tax Office auditor genie."

"What do you have to lose? You've got no transportation, and it looks like you're a goner anyway!"

The man thinks about this for a minute, and decides that the genie is right.

"OK, I wish I were in a lush oasis with plenty of food and drink." \*\*\*POOF\*\*\* The cowboy finds himself in the most beautiful oasis he has ever seen and he is surrounded with jugs of wine and platters of delicacies.

"OK, cowpoke, what's your second wish."

"My second wish is that I were rich beyond my wildest dreams." \*\*\*POOF\*\*\* The man finds himself surrounded by treasure chests filled with rare gold coins and precious gems.

OK, cowpuncher, you have just one more wish. Better make it a good one!"

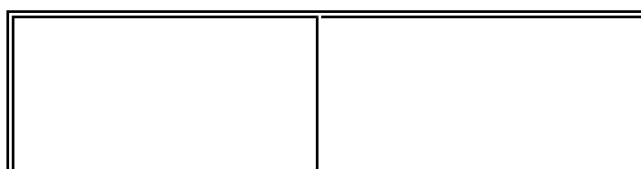
After thinking for a few minutes, the man says.. "I wish that no matter where I go, beautiful women will want and need me." >  
\*\*\*POOF\*\*\* He is turned into a tampon.

The moral of the story: If the government offers you anything, there's going to be a string attached.

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## Photographs of Our Meeting on

8th September, 2004





PP John IV gave his talk on the origin of the Internet.



Pres. Rudy also helped in the talk on the search engine and how it can be misleading.



At the left head table were PDG Uncle Peter & Pres. Rudy.



At the right head table were seated Hon Sec. John, Pres. Theresa (HK Harbour) & IPP Henry.



(L to R) PDG Y.K., PP Andrew, PP Hubert, Guest, Rtn Kenny.



(L to R) Dir Eddy, PP's Grace, Howard, Kennedy & Charles all from HK Harbour to give support to the speaker.



(L to R) Hon Tres. Laurence, Dir Jason, Rtn John V, Dr Tony, & Dir Andy.



Group Photo of our visitor & Rotarians from HK Harbour with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Rudy, & the speaker of the day on 8th September, 2004.

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